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Dr. PEGGY PALOMBI NAMED DEAN OF ACADEMIC SERVICES FOR SHELTON STATE

TUSCALOOSA – Dr. Peggy S. Palombi has been hired as the Dean of Academic Services at Shelton State Community College. She begins her duties August 9.

“I am delighted that Dr. Peggy Palombi has accepted our offer to become the next Dean of Academic Services at Shelton State Community College,” said Dr. Mark A. Heinrich, College president. “Dr. Palombi’s strong academic background, her love for students, and her passion for quality are all very consistent with Shelton State’s strategic plan.”

Dr. Palombi comes to Shelton State from Darton College in Albany, Georgia, where she currently serves as the Dean of the Science and Mathematics Division and an instructor in the College’s biology department. She earned Phi Beta Kappa honors in receiving her B.A. degree from Oberlin College with majors in Mathematics and East Asian Studies. Her master's degree in neuroscience was earned from Northwestern University, and her Ph.D. in neuropharmacology was earned from the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

Her extensive background in academics includes teaching experience in biology as well as in liberal arts critical thinking and writing courses. Professionally she has actively served as a dean, division chair, researcher, instructor, presenter, and publisher. Throughout her career as an active faculty member, Palombi has also served on several committees within Transylvania University, Southern Illinois University, The University of Illinois, and Northwestern University. She has also served tirelessly as a member of outside academic organizations to improve science and mathematics teaching in colleges and universities, along with serving her community as a volunteer with organizations like the Special Olympics and area recreational organizations.

Palombi has been honored with several awards for instruction. Most recently she won the 2005 Kentucky Professor of the Year Award, which is co-sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The U.S. Professors of the Year program salutes the most outstanding undergraduate instructors in the country—those who excel in teaching and positively influence the lives and careers of students. It is the only national program to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring.

Shelton State Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of

Colleges and Schools to award the Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, and the Associate in Applied Science Degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097, or call 404.679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Shelton State Community College.

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